

STORY 67.

HOW MUSLIMS TOLD THE TRUTH TO PROUD
RULERS WITHOUT FEAR.

WHEN Hisham bin Abdul Malik went to perform the pilgrimage he invited to his palace Taus Yamani, who was a pious Muslim of his day.

When Taus arrived at the palace he greeted Hisham in the ordinary manner of the Muslims invoking upon him the peace of God and then took his seat by his side.

Hisham who was intoxicated with pride of power, fell into a rage and exclaimed, "What insolence is this? You have not addressed me as Commander of faithful nor have you kissed my hands?"

When Taus saw his anger he said, "your anger is misplaced. Listen to me. I have not kissed your hands because I know on the authority of (Hazrat) Ali that we may kiss the hands of our wives and children alone. I have not addressed you as Commander of the Faithful, because all the faithfuls have not accepted you as such. If I had addressed you by this title I should have been guilty of lying." Hisham listened quietly and was touched by this uprightness and plain-speaking.

STORY 68.

MUSLIMS REGARD FOR JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY.

KHALIFA MANSUR was once at Medina when some camel drivers brought a case against him in the court of the Quazi.

The Quazi duly summoned him. When Mansur entered the court the Quazi received him sitting and did not show him respect in any other way. The case came up for hearing. The evidence showed that the camel drivers were in the right, and so the case was decided in their favour.

Instead of showing any resentment at this decision the Khalifa complimented the Quazi on his sense of justice and moral courage.

Although the time of Mansur was far removed from the time of the Prophet, and degeneration had set in all walks of life yet there was such regard for justice and fairplay, as is rarely seen in the history of other nations. Muslims did not sacrifice justice to prestige.